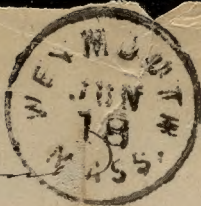


For

The Review



Saml May
Leicester.

~~Look up
Mrs. Chapman's Sonnets
I send them to G.
also copy within Sonnets~~

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Weymouth
May 28th 1877.

Dear Mr. May,

Ever since I heard of our dear brother Quincy's death, my mind has been running in the channel of his life;— a life so good, so true, so diligent, so devoted;— proof against worldliness, flattery, family affection, false religion, ambition, fashionableness, Danger. Transcending habit, fashion, authority;—

[While I should
"— a light from this world taken
" yet binding onward to the per-
fect day."
But all the intimate knowledge
I had of this life that ran
parallel to mine, while pos-
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possessing so many & so
superior advantages for
its work, only seems to make
me dumb for the time. There
is so much to be done as the
background for projecting
such a life into the light of to-
day, - that, as in the case
of Mrs. Lollen, I feel obliged
by the very intimacy of our
relations to keep silence.

But so He made good
my deficiency in her care, so
Mr. Johnson does for me now,
in His own.

I send you a copy of
"the Orange Journal," containing
the editor's obituary notice.

I doubt whether any words
of mine could so fitly meet
the occasion.

The History of the Struggle
in Dr. Channing's Church
I do not wish to allude to
in connection with him; —
though he fought with us
shoulder to shoulder in the
latter part of it. One owes to
his family — then his silent
opponents, — to leave this in
silence for the ~~present~~^{time}, although
they are probably in a sense
his supporters at the present
hour. Only a week before
he died I wrote to him
to thank him for an effort

he made to review H. M.'s
Auto'y in the "Nation", at
its own request. But the
Review was returned to him.

He only remarked in
telling me of the fact, that
"tho' he had made some exertion under
great disadvantages - to do it, - he supposed
his noncesse did not hurt their
noncesse." I had reverted to our
Common Experience as Church
Members, in struggle with our pas-
tor: & he says - "I thank
you for your letter - - - telling
of so much that reminds
me of "Dr Channing's Hostile
Condescension."

He came to us in
the time of the Clerical Appeal.

[Remainder returned to Mr. C. at her request
- it having 2 Sonnets.]

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- Proof against religious
as well as political Economy.

You will find in the
Liberator of 1839 his Letter of
Adhesion, addressed to my husband
with a contribution of Money to
the Cause, & I recollect also
a Letter of his to Dr. Channing
at the time of the Eulogy
on Dr. Tollen. Dr. C. thanked
your Cousin, - our brother
S. J. May, - for having de-
creed all the honours of the
warfare to the abolitionists: "I
was compelled to do so: for I
look in vain for any other who
care for the Cause," - was S. J.
May's reply.

Some verses that I
wrote in those old times
occur to me now: They
describe the way in which

the Cause came to Henry
G. Chapman, Edmund
Lumey, & S. J. May.

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* Thy life's bright summer fair before thee lies,
* And hopes & friends about thy pathway throng,
* ~~And~~ And wealth & honour to thy name belong;
Each moment glances gladness as it flies,
And thy young children in thy strength may rise
To be what thou art - eloquent & strong; -
Honoured & ~~praised~~ ^{loved}, & foremost placed among
The world's ~~dear~~ gay creators for its shining prize.
Pretend thee, ~~now~~ ^{now}! - wilt thou renounce thy lot
Of praise & profit - elegance & ease, -
Let thy name perish, if the world forget, -
Let life fleet by thee as the winter breeze
Visits a lone lost battle-field with ill,
That so the dead at length be freed? - "I will."

[A Second Sonnet
I now subjoin, in
Memorial of them. —]

That life ~~is~~ ^{its} done: ~~then~~ ^{its} Willing Sacrifice
 Awoke the virtue of a slumbering land
 For faith & trust & liberty to stand;
 And ~~they~~ ^{giant} had the ~~national~~ tyranny arise
 To ~~over~~ ^{to} bid the judgement of the good & wise:
 From North & South ~~they~~ ^{it} summoned forth a band
 Strong to arouse, - convince, - persuade, - command -
 Swift to cast off the hypocrite - disguise
 Of Church or State that righteousness defies,
 They came in hundreds, devoted & grand.
 - Their work is done: The ~~land~~ ^{land} at length is free.
 Broken by war that might have fallen in
 Your voices had that bloody bondage cease!
 The work ye early wrought hath made us free indeed!

You see I have written in
 the greatest haste but I would
 not let you kind & welcome note

So a single day, unannounced.

You will receive Johnson's
Paper tomorrow, I trust. I
have directed it to be sent you.

All our family with
in most cordial regards &
affectionate remembrances to
you & yours

I am

Dear Mr. May,
Your ever obliged friend

A. M. Chapman

I shall be glad of this sheet
again, just as it is, - if you
can by any spare it. S. M.